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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE Attorney's Docket Number Transmittal Letter to the United States B/O Form PTO-1390 Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) YONE3024/JEK U.S. Application Concerning a Filing Under 35 USC 371 Number (if known International Filing Date Priority Date Claimed International Application Number October 4, 2004 October 20, 2003 PCT/JP2004/014592 Title of Invention POSITIONING APPARATUS AND CLAMPING SYSTEM HAVING THE SAME Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US Keitaro YONEZAWA et al. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items under 35 USC 371: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371. 1. Ø This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371. 2. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay 3. Ø examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). The U.S. has been elected (Article 31). 4. Ø A copy of the International Application as filed 35 USC 371(c)(2). 5. X is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). a. has been transmitted by the International Bureau. × b. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). c. A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)). 6. X Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)) 7. × are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). a. have been transmitted by the International Bureau. b. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. c. have not been made and will not be made. d. \boxtimes A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)). 8. 9. × □ Unexecuted) An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)). (⊠ Executed A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 10. (35 USC 371(c)(5)).Items 11 to 16 below concern other document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 11. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is 12. included. 13. Ø A preliminary amendment. 14. Ø An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825. 17. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 18. A second copy of the English translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4) 19.

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